

**DECLARATION
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DYNAMIC SPECIAL CHARACTER SELECTION
FOR USE IN BYTE ALIGNMENT CIRCUITRY

the specification of which

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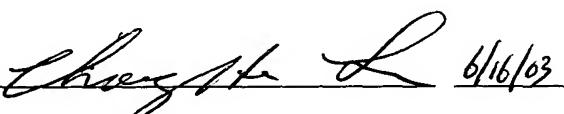
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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, the undersigned assignee of record, by virtue of an assignment submitted concurrently herewith for recording, of the entire interest in the above-identified patent application hereby elects to conduct the prosecution of the above-identified patent application to the exclusion of the inventors. The assignee hereby revokes any powers of attorney previously granted and appoints:

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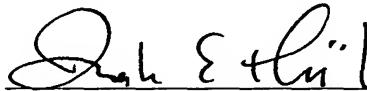
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